

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

That is, a parallel transmittance in this case and the polarization degree are represented as follows:

parallel transmittance =  $0.5 \times ((k_1)^2 + (k_2')^2)$  and

polarization degree =  $((k_1 - (k_2')^2) / ((k_1 + (k_2')^2)) \underline{(k_1 - k_2')} / (k_1 + k_2'))$ .